(b) to (d) The required details will be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

Filing of affidavits in regard to Baralgon Ketone

694. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry filed affidavits in regard to Baralgon Keton in the Delhi High Court and the Supreme Court ;

(b) if so, what is the price fixed and charged by the Company indicated in these affidavits ;

(c) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has gone back on its own affidavit filed while working out the difference ; and

(d) if so, what are the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. NAMGYAL) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) to (d) The price fixed under DPCO, 1979 w.e.f. 31-12-80 and indicated in the counter-affidavit is Rs. 1810.20 per kg. Under DPCO, 1970, the prices of formulations were approved on the basis of the bulk drug price of Rs. 24,735.38 per kg. as indicated by the Company. Subsequently, in 1978 the company indicated a notional price of Rs. 8019/- per kg. which was further reduced by them to Rs. 3580.62 per kg. from July, 1985. The Special Team after examining the relevant records etc. has taken the price of Rs. 8019/-per kg. notionally adopted by the company, for calculating the overcharged amount on the bulk drug for the period upto 31-12-1983.

Production and import of drugs

695. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) what are the names of the drugs companies which are licensed/ registered to produce Testosterone and Esters, Danazol, Hyderoprogesterone Accetate, Atenole, Diloxanide Furoate, Metroprolol, Tartarate and Ibuprofen;

(b) what is the capacity sanctioned to each company ;

(c) what was the production of each drug during the last two years, year-wise ;

(d) whether any of these drugs are allowed for import ;

(e) if so, what are the names of those drugs and what is the justification for their import ;

(f) whether his Ministry propose to take steps to ban import of any of these drugs ; and

(g) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI P. NAMGYAL) : (a) and (b) Details of industrial approvals such as names of companies, items of manufacture and capacities issued from time to time are published regularly by India Investment Centre in their monthly newsletter, copies of which are available in the Parliament library .

(c) Of the referred drugs, this Department monitors the production of Diloxanide Furoate and Ibuprofen only, whose production

figures for the last two years are given below :—

Name of drugs/company	A/C Unit	Production 1986-87	Production 1987-88
Diloxaride Furoate			
1. Unique Chem.	T	0.32	..
2. Boots (I) Ltd.		8.54	5.95
Ibuprofen			
1. Boots (I) Ltd.	T	63.31	79.4
2. Glindia Ltd.		12.92	8.53
3. CIPLA		20.72	3.62
4. Stardard Organics		0.65	..
5. Metroni Drugs		..	0.11

(d) to (g) Import Policy for drugs is determined in consideration of factors like capacity, demand, availability, technology constraints etc.

Flaring of Gas

696. DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY :
SHRI DEBA PRASAD RAY :
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD :

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the quantum of gas that flared from different fields and refineries per annum as at the end of 6th Plan and what percentage does it constitute of the total gas produced ;

(b) what steps have been taken to minimise the same and to utilise this gas ; and

(c) what is the latest per annum quantity and percentage of such flared gas ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT) : (a) During 1984-85, the terminal year of the Sixth Plan, a quantity of about 3052 million cubic metres of natural gas was flared ; this constituted about 42% of the total production of natural gas.

(b) Following steps have been taken to reduce flaring :

(i) Compression facilities have been augmented and are proposed to be augmented further.

(ii) fall-back consumers are being encouraged so that they can take the gas when the regular consumers fail to do so. 15% discount on the basic price of gas for the fall-back consumers is available.

(iii) Additional consumers have been developed to improve the low offtake caused by low/delayed offtake of committed consumers.

(c) During 1988-89, the quantity of gas flared was 3880 million cubic metres which is about 29% of the total production.